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Milwaukee Bucks put social justice at the forefront

Statement from members of the Milwaukee Common Council - Alderman Khalif J. Rainey, Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs, Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II, Alderman Ashanti Hamilton, Alderwoman Chantia Lewis and Alderwoman Nikiya Dodd

The Milwaukee Bucks were scheduled to begin game five of their first round playoff series against the Orlando Magic at 3 p.m. central time. Instead, the team banded together and remained in the locker room to boycott the game in protest of the police shooting of Jacob Blake in Kenosha.

This is a seminal moment, and we applaud the Bucks for stepping up and providing leadership by putting issues of racial justice ahead of sports. It is our hope that this will encourage others to do the same and use their platforms to push these conversations forward so we can enact meaningful and lasting change.